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when your time is out.

A SMALL FAVOR ASKED.

Will the judges, members of the
State Senate and members of the
Lower House who have refused to ac-
cept free passes from the different
railroad corporations in the State be so
kind as to drop us a postal card to
that effect? We would appreciate
this little act of kindness very much.

X THE "MACHINE COMBINE."

THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER desires
to be true and faithful to the
people. It will fearlessly expose any
schemes devised for deceiving the
people. Its existence is of the people,
by the people and for the people. Its
highest purpose is to serve their inter-
ests. It proposes to have a few plain
words with its farmer readers.

The time approaches for the election
of members of State and National
Legislatures. There is one universal
demand among the farmer, from one
end of the country to the other, for
more men in these bodies to look after
and to take care of their interests.
This demand is just and proper and
reasonable. It is a burning shame
that there should be only thirteen
farmers in the American Congress.
If we had only fifty true and faithful
farmers in that body to-day, we might
reasonably hope for relief from the
iron grip of Wall Street power. They
must be sent there. How is it to be
done? As the farmers demand, so must
they VOTE. They cannot afford to
make unjust or unreasonable demands.
But when they are just and reason-
able, the farmers should be bold
enough and manly enough to enforce
them. They have the power.

But they must be vigilant and
watchful as well as true. The political
schemers are at work as never be-
fore to deceive the people. In the
important matter of selecting candi-
dates and securing their nomination
and election, a shrewd little game has
been devised. When the farmers
give such expression of their prefer-
ence for a man as to render his nomi-
nation probable, the "machine com-
bine" go to work to get out as many
candidates for the same position as
possible. They know that each candi-
date will take his friends into the
nominating convention. The next
matter to receive their attention is to
get each of these candidates to agree
that if he cannot get the nomination
he will give his votes to any one who can
command enough of these pooled voters to
defeat the farmers' man. It is under-
stood with the "machine combine" that
no man is to be elected by the
"hay-seed socialists" if it can be pre-
vented, and the above is one of the
methods adopted to prevent it. And
there are some farmers who are blind
enough, we fear, to walk into this
trap. But the great body of them
will not thus be ensnared. They have
opened their eyes. They have learned
something. They now see that the
great evils and wrongs under which
they labor and suffer and struggle
come through wicked and corrupt
legislation, and they know that the
remedy must be found in just and
wise legislation. They see that agri-
culture must have "a friend at
court," and they intend to send some
of these friends. Another thing: the
farmers of the country have been
fooled by false promises long enough.
They need, in this hour of peril,
something more than promises. They
should have promises, but these
promises should be backed up by a
character for truth, honor and integ-
rity. If a man has been a member
of the legislature or of Congress, let
his record be a witness for him. By
this he should be judged and by this

we should stand or fall. Did he vote
against our interest? Did we send
petitions and did he ignore them?
Did he know that we needed legisla-
tion and does his record show that he
made any effort to secure it? Did he
make promises and fail to observe
them? If he be such an one, let the
people "spew him out of their
mouths." What farmer among you,
if you hire a man on his promise to
work faithfully to look after your in-
terests and to stand honorably by the
terms of the contract, and you find at
the end of the year that he has
squandered your money, neglected his
work and betrayed the trust reposed
in him, who among you would renew
the same contract with him? Sup-
pose, in addition to this, he should
disregard your instructions and as-
sume to boss your premises and tell
you, by his course, that you had not
sense enough to know what was best
for your interests, how long could he
remain in your employ? Apply the
case to your public servants and hold
each and every one of them to a strict
account for the manner in which he
has looked after your interests. We
must have legislative reforms and how
are we to get them? By electing
men who will give them.

TAKE YOUR POSITION, GENTLE-
MEN.

THE State Alliance formulated
certain demands at its last annual
session. They were submitted to the
Sub-Alliances of the State and were
ratified. President Carr issues an
official proclamation setting forth the
fact that they are the demands of the
order in our State. The *News and
Observer* of the 13th inst. published
the demands and commented on them
at length, editorially. It fails to see
any good in them, but without excep-
tion, we believe, speaks disparagingly
of each and all of them.

The Alliance of the State will make
a note of this and will know where to
find the *News and Observer*. They
are looking with interest for public
men to take position on these matters.
Walk up, gentlemen, and show your
hand.

Noting what the *News and Observer*
says in regard to a railroad commis-
sion, it will be seen that our contemporary
has turned a complete summersault on
that question since last winter. It says:

"In regard to a railroad commis-
sion, fixing rates, &c., we do not think
that demand will bring any change
that will benefit the farmer to any
appreciable effect. They adopted such
a commission in South Carolina where
the people were taught that it would
help the farmer wonderfully. After
the law was enforced the people could
not see any difference, and the last
we heard about it was that the people
were denouncing the railroad commis-
sion and accused them of being bribed
by the railroads."

On the same date that the above
appeared in the *News and Observer*,
the *State Chronicle* had an editorial,
in which it makes the following extract
from the *Constitution* of a recent
date:

"The Georgia railroad commission
was organized in 1877, and since that
time the material interests of the State
have been developed to a greater ex-
tent than ever before, and in railway
development Georgia has led the
South. It is not necessary to claim
that the commission is responsible for
the wonderful material development of
Georgia, or for the large additions to
the railroad mileage of the State, but
the facts show that the railroad policy
of Georgia has not in any sense been
an obstacle to the development of the
State in any direction. On the other
hand, it has prevented unjust discrimi-
nation against communities and indi-
viduals, and has saved to the people
thousands of dollars. Meanwhile the
roads have prospered and are paying
dividends right along."

The *News and Observer* against the
commission and against the people's
wishes. The *Chronicle* is for it. Take
your position, gentlemen, and let the
people know where you stand.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION.

LET the people give the candidates
for the legislature to understand
that they must favor and promise to
vote for an efficient railroad commis-
sion for the regulation of freights and
tariffs in North Carolina. Remember
that we were cheated out of this just
law by the Senate branch last winter.
Let the people watch the State and
have the candidates to declare their
position before they can be elected.
We tried petitions, but a majority of
the Senate utterly disregarded and
ignored them. Over sixty thousand
voters and taxpayers sent in their pe-
titions, but the voice of the railroad lob-
by was more potent and powerful than
they. Let the people speak again,
but this time let it be through the
ballot-box.

We will publish, in the near future,
the votes on this measure so the peo-
ple may make no mistake as to those
who betrayed their interests.

The *Daily Review*, of Reidsville,
has been discontinued. The prop-
rietors will continue the *Weekly Review*.
A daily paper cannot be very profit-
able in a town of less than eight thou-
sand people.

WAKE FOREST COMMENCE-
MENT.

THE exercises at Wake Forest last
week were interesting. They al-
ways are. Many distinguished visitors
were present from different sections
of this and from other States.

On Wednesday Rev. Thos. Dixon,
pastor of the 23d street Baptist church,
of New York, was present. His ad-
dress was pronounced by all present
to be one of the finest ever heard.
North Carolinians never fail to ad-
mire this brilliant and eloquent young
divine. North Carolina is proud of
this, one of her famous sons.

The board of trustees conferred the
degree of D. D. on Rev. C. Durham,
of Raleigh, and the degree of L. L. D.
on Rev. Dr. Thos. Hume, of Chapel
Hill.

On Wednesday night Rev. Dr. W.
W. Landrum, of Virginia, preached
the Baccalaureate sermon to an im-
mense audience. It was pronounced
a masterly effort.

The board of trustees decided to
postpone the election of a successor to
Prof. W. H. Michael for the chair of
physics till July.

Thursday was another great day.
Special and regular trains brought
many more visitors. The exercises
were opened by prayer by Rev. Dr.
J. J. Hall, of Raleigh. The speeches
by the young men of the graduating
class were of a high order. The boys
honored themselves and reflected
honor upon the institution.

At 11 o'clock the graduating class
marched to the hall. It was the larg-
est class ever graduated from the
institution, numbering twenty five. The
graduates are:

J. R. Hankins, Danville, Va.; T. R.
Crocker, Franklin Co., N. C.; G. W.
Ward, Perquimans Co., N. C.; J. O.
Atkinson, Raleigh, N. C.; Josiah Cru-
dup, Franklin Co., N. C.; J. B. Spil-
man, Weldon, N. C.; L. C. Cannon,
Burke Co., N. C.; T. W. Bickett, Mon-
roe Co., N. C.; T. L. Blalock, Gran-
ville Co., N. C.; E. S. Coffey, Wa-
tauga Co., N. C.; W. E. Crocker,
Spartanburg Co., S. C.; C. P. Crudup,
Franklin Co., N. C.; E. F. Early,
Bertie Co., N. C.; C. L. Felt, Empori-
um, Pa.; J. G. Gregory, Camden Co.,
N. C.; J. A. Hollomon, Winton, N. C.;
C. F. Hopper, Cleveland, N. C.;
J. F. Mitchell, Franklin Co., N. C.;
B. S. Mitchell, Franklin Co., N. C.; J.
C. Maske, Richmond Co., N. C.; H. C.
Moore, Caldwell Co., N. C.; J. H.
Nowell, Bertie Co., N. C.; D. B.
Oliver, Pine Level, N. C.; W. O. Rid-
dick, Gates Co., N. C.; J. E. White,
Apex, N. C.

After the speaking, President Tay-
lor, of the College, delivered the
diplomas to the graduating class. His
address to the young men contained
nothing but wisdom and could hardly
have been better.

At night Volker's Richmond band
gave a splendid musical concert in the
audience hall. This band undoubt-
ably is one of the best in the United
States.

The alumni banquet on Thursday
night was an elegant affair. The
Alumni Association, 140 strong, as-
sembled in Leigh hall, from whence
they marched to the gymnasium,
where the banquet was spread. The
hall was beautifully decorated and
brilliantly lighted. State Auditor G.
W. Sanderlin was master of ceremonies.
The address of welcome was
made by Prof. J. B. Carlyle and re-
sponded to by W. W. Kitchen, Esq.
Then followed the toasts, which were
responded to by a number of distin-
guished gentlemen. The speeches
were brilliant and witty and the oc-
casion was a genuine feast of reason
and flow of good.

A CHEAP AND EFFECTIVE MOTH
TRAP.

MR. GERALD MCCARTHY, of
the N. C. Experiment Station,
has exhibited to us a simple and cheap
lantern for destroying the moths
which produce the boll or bud worm
and cotton and tobacco caterpillar.
This consists of a tin pan with tin
reflector in the center. A lamp with
two burners is placed under the pan,
the burners come up through the pan
one on each side of the reflector. The
moths attracted by the lights will fly
against the reflector and be thrown
down into the pan which contains
some water with a film of kerosene on
the top. Kerosene is death to all
moths it touches. Mr. McCarthy says
there is no patent on this pan and any
intelligent tin-smith can make it at a
cost of 40 to 50 cents.

LET US HAVE PEACE.

THE farmers of the country for
the first time in a hundred years,
went to Congress with a respectful
request and presented it in the most
respectful manner. They set forth
the alarming condition of agriculture
and asked for relief. How were they
treated by those who have pretended
to be their friends? They are ridi-
culed, misrepresented and abused.
They are termed "hay-seed socialists,"
"Agrarian Humbugs," "Cheap Dem-
agogues" and the like. And if they
should have the audacity to express a
purpose to select men whom they can
trust to look after their interests, they
are denounced as "traitors to the
party." "Let us have peace."

REV. THOS. DIXON.

THIS most eloquent and brilliant
living North Carolinian, deliv-
ered the annual address before the
literary societies of Wake Forest Col-
lege last week. His subject, "The
Restless Masses," was presented in
such style and with such force and
power as only the genius of a Dixon
could do it. The speech was an
epitome of thoughts and views which
are elaborate, and will appear at an
early date in book form, from his pen.
THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER will have
the speech at the earliest practicable
time for its readers. THE PROGRES-
SIVE FARMER, always the friend of
young men, is proud of Thos. Dixon.

EDITORIAL NOTES

* Bro. Worth, State Business
Agent, came back from Chattanooga
Saturday.

* Mr. M. J. Ham, of Wayne
county, who was a member of the
last Legislature, writes that he did
not ride on a free pass, though a pass
was offered to him several times.

* The *Old Homestead*, published
at Savannah, Ga., comes for this
month well filled with a great amount
of original reading matter. It is one
of the best family magazines in the
country.

* The *Western North Carolinian*
is a new paper just started at Brevard,
Transylvania county. Edwin A.
Aiken is editor and proprietor. It
makes a fine start and deserves good
patronage.

* A telegram from Washington
City on Saturday informed us that the
State Alliance in North Dakota and
Wisconsin had voted for consoli-
dation with the National Alliance. No
particulars.

* Lay away the four papers con-
taining articles on successful farming
and also future papers. The first ar-
ticle was an account of Capt. William-
son's stock farm. Read and re-read
these articles. They will do you good.

* There two great parties in this
country—the one is the people, the
other Wall Street and its tools. And
the great issues at stake between them
dwarfs all other parties and party
issues into utter insignificance. Choose
ye whom we will serve.

* The Commonwealth Club, of
Durham, have sent out handsome in-
vitations to the editors of the State
papers that they will be pleased to
have them as their guests during the
Press Convention to be held there
from the 23d to the 25th of July.

* "Your Sub-Treasury bill would
not do," says the Congressman to the
farmer. But the old "Hayseed So-
cialist" asked: "Well, why did you
not fix it so it would do, or get up a
better one for us?" And the Con-
gressman sat down as dumb as a clam.

* It is said there are at least five
lawyers in the Sixth Congressional
district who are trying to lift lawyer
Rowland out of his Congressional
seat. The farmers of that district
should step in as peace-makers and
settle this scramble among our legal
brethren.

* One of our western agricultural
papers says "it is apparent that there
is a need for the farmers to form
themselves into some kind of an or-
ganization." Poor creature! You
have been taking a Rip Van Winkle
sleep. It is a wonder that you didn't
sleep a hundred years longer.

* A woman in St. Matthews town-
ship, Wake county, plows a good. Last
year she made a bale of cotton, 2½
barrels of corn, four bushels of peas
and 75 bushels of potatoes. In addi-
tion to this she has a good garden.
Some men who work good horses or
mules don't do much better than that.

* A wild man has been discov-
ered in the woods of Canada. He
wears no clothing and is hairy like a
bear; can run on all fours and bark
like a dog. There is something strange
about that. He is probably one of
our North Carolina politicians who
has gone crazy for fear the Alliance
will go into politics.

* An exchange says the annual
consumption of sugar in the United
States is 16,000,000 tons. If our
population is 64,000,000, then each
human being uses 500 pounds of
sugar. There must be some mistake
about the figures. There is too many
sour people in this country if they do
use sweetenin' at that rate.

* The quintessence of good gov-
ernment is "the greatest good to the
greatest number," but all to the few
and nothing to the many," is now the
rule. We have been led to think that
one of the highest aims of government
should be to make men, but our gov-
ernment seems to be engaged now in
the work of making millionaires.

* Just now leading Democratic
papers are abusing the Alliance and
its officers and charging that it is to
be the ally of the Republican party,
while leading Republican papers
charge that it is "a Democratic trap"
and its officers are worshipping "at
the shrine of Jeff. Davis, Bob Lee
and the rebel flag." How hard some
people are to please! But we are
not trying to please these tools and
pimps of plutocracy. Wall street and

the money manipulators are engaged
just now in buying up certain papers
throughout the country, through
which to fight the Alliance. And
strange to say, some of these papers
have the same names on their sub-
scription lists that are found on the
Alliance roll.

* The *Charlotte Chronicle* is in
favor of the publication of the tax
returns made by each and every
person. It thinks that a great many
fail to list their property for anything
like its full value. There is no doubt
that this is a fact, and it seems that
the *Chronicle's* remedy is a good one.
Many wealthy people pay very little
tax.

* It is now ascertained that W.
J. Northern, of Georgia, will be the
candidate of the people for Governor
of that State. Col. Livingston, it is
said, will run for Congress. Two bet-
ter men could not be found for these
positions. The "machine combine"
will hardly tackle these gentlemen.
If it does, it stands a beautiful chance
of being smashed.

* Mr. James A. Cheek writes us
that Mr. John Norwood, who repre-
sented Orange and Durham counties
in the State Legislature two terms,
and also represented that district in
the State Senate, refused passes from
all railroads. Mr. Norwood is dead
and our informant does not state when
he was a member, but we take it for
granted that it has been in the past
few years.

* From all sections of the State
come the most cheering and encourag-
ing reports as to the prospects for
good crops. The mild winter and
favorable spring weather gave the
farmers opportunity to prepare their
lands properly and the clear, growing
condition of the crops attest how
faithfully and well they did the work.
May the God of the Harvest reward
them abundantly.

* Let the people hold each repre-
sentative in Congress strictly and in-
dividually responsible for his individ-
ual record; not as a Democrat or Re-
publican, but as the representatives of
the American people. This Congress
will fail to give us the relief we ask
for; let the people demand of its
members to show whether they tried to
secure it. If they fail to show it,
let them be retired.

* The Indianapolis *Leader* says
it doesn't know just what the law de-
fines as the duties of Statisticians,
but ventures the opinion that
guessing is not one of them. It looks
as if he was using the position just as
the Secretary of the Treasury has
used his so often in giving pointers to
speculators. The Alliance should
look into it. We have been think-
ing for some time that it would be
well for our people to watch that
Dodge pretty closely.

* One of our esteemed exchanges,
the *Southern Farm*, of Atlanta, wants
every farmer to buy a pistol and teach
their wives and daughters to use it so
they can protect themselves against
tramps and other bad characters. We
think it a good plan, provided they
have plenty of nerve, but if the wo-
men do not take better aim than they
generally do when throwing at a dis-
obedient hen, they are liable to kill
pretty much everything else on the
plantation except the tramps.

* A good many political papers
are making a great noise because
Representative Mills refuses to sup-
port the Sub-Treasury scheme. Mr.
Mills may be correct in his views on
the matter or he may not. But he
has been in Congress long enough to
know that his constituents did not
send him there to make laws for him-
self, but for them. When we pay
men \$5,000 per year to work for us,
they should not "talk back at us"
when we say do this or that. Away
with such men.

* We have received a letter from
an indignant farmer who hurls ter-
rible blows at a Senator of our last
General Assembly for his course on
the railroad commission. The people
of that good county will take care of
that Senator, and while the letter is
just, it is personal and too severe to
appear in our columns. Go to the
polls, good brother, and vote as you
write, and let all the good people do
likewise, and he will learn a lesson
that will be valuable to him in the
future. He needs that lesson badly.

* Every farmer should read
"Plutocracy or American White
Slavery," by Hon. Thos. Norwood,
formerly Senator and Representative
in Congress. A most wonderful book
is "Caesar's Column," the author, a
wealthy, but generous man. These
books, one by a Southerner and the
other by a Northern author, treat of
the great evils and dangers which so
seriously threaten our republic and
should be in every family. Another,
"The Philosophy of Price," by N. A.
Denning, one of the editors of the
National Economist, is a valuable and
able history of the financial operations
of the government and money lords
of this country. Send for these books
and read them; you will never re-
gret it.

Rev. Baylus Cade, of railway tele-
graph fame, has been elected a cor-
responding honorary member of the
Academie Parisienne des Inventeurs.

AMONG THE ALLIANCES

What the Organization is Doing
Throughout the Country.

An Alliance newspaper is likely to
be started at Lynchburg, Va., soon.

An Alliance warehouse is being
built at Alapaha, in Berrien county,
Georgia.

The capital of the Alliance Tobacco
Manufacturing Company, at Oxford,
has been increased.

The Alliance of Navarro county is
discussing a cotton seed oil mill, says
the *Southern Mercury*.

The South Dakota Alliance met at
Huron a few days ago. About 1,000
delegates were present.

The Alliances in South Carolina
are going to use cotton bagging this
coming season without fail.

Alliances are being organized in
the Indian Territory. One hundred
is the number reported up to this
time.

Concordia, Kansas, is to have an
Alliance paper, the *Union News*. A
company has been chartered with
\$50,000 capital.

The Farmers' Alliance of Lincoln
county, South Dakota, have raised
ten thousand dollars with which to
start a newspaper.

We learn from the *Southern Mer-
cury* that the cotton yard at Austin
has been a great success and the Alli-
ance is taking steps to enlarge it.

Forsyth County Alliance has a brass
band composed of her own members,
led by Dr. J. A. Parsons. This is the
only brass band owned by the order,
says the *Buchanan* (Ga.) *Messenger*.

The Cedarown, Ga., *Standard* re-
ports that the Alliance co-operative
store at Rockmart is doing a good
business, its cash receipts for April
and May being over \$5,000, to say
nothing of its book accounts.

The Industrial Co-operative Asso-
ciation of Arkansas City has filed its
charter with the Secretary of State.
The directors are D. T. Kitchen, M.
L. Staik, F. W. Stoneking, C. F.
Walter and D. Baxter.—*Alliance
Tribune*.

A few days ago the Alliance people
around Lynchburg, Va., tried to get
the tobacco warehouses to reduce their
charges. They refused and steps
were at once taken to build an Alli-
ance warehouse. About \$3,000 was
subscribed on the spot.

The Farmers' Alliance and Indus-
trial Union Milling Company, of
Washington county, Arkansas, has
filed articles of incorporation with the
Secretary of the State. The capital
stock is \$5,500, and the principal
office will be at Farmington.

The Pittsburg Co-operative Associa-
tion of Crawford county will soon be
ready for business. The directors
are W. M. Reed, Cherokee; N. M.
Peavey, D. J. Acklin, James Geller,
W. P. Woughton and Havel J. Smith.
Pittsburg. Capital stock, \$50,000.—
Alliance Tribune.

Oconee Alliance in Washington
county, Ga., has thus resolved: "We
will support only such candidates who
come before the people upon their
merits; and for representatives we
will vote only for such men as will
pledge themselves to refuse railroad
passes, and compensation for services
when not on duty."

The Alliance in Texas is going to
work hard for a railroad commission
again this year. The *Southern Mer-
cury* is throwing hot shot. It says:
"An anti-commission farmer is as
much out of place as a woman in
hades; but there is no telling the ex-
tent of some men's inclination to fol-
low their master."

Grove Level Alliance, in Walker
county, Ga., means business. It has
expelled D. D. Cobb for hog stealing
and proposing to commit perjury. It
also notifies all members in arrears
for dues that they must pay up at
the next meeting, on Saturday, or be
expelled. No rotten or dead wood
allowed in that Alliance.

A member of the Alliance at Lamar,
S. C., reports that the trade agent
saved him \$13 on one ton of ammo-
niated fertilizer and one ton of kainit.
Another farmer reports that his fertiliz-
ers and his provisions taken together
have not cost him so far this year any
more than the fertilizers alone would
have cost him had he bought them as
he had been in the habit of doing in
past years.

STATE ASSOCIATION.

County Superintendents of Public In-
struction.

The annual meeting of County Su-
perintendents of Public Instruction
will be held in the Assembly Hall,
Morehead City, June 23d at 3:30
p. m.

The meeting will be an interesting
one, as matters of vital importance
will be discussed. A large attendance
is expected.

It is desired that every county be
represented in this meeting. Let
superintendents arrange his business so
that he can attend.

JAS. P. COOK, Pres't.

JNO. C. STARNES, Sec'y.